

AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY
OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety. For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the area of the Wenatchee River Ranger District closure area consisting of:

The closure begins at FS Road 6701 at the 6701/6700 junction in Township 27 N Range 15 E Section 10. The closure follows the 6701 road west to Heather Lake Trail (#1526) and continues up the trail to Heather Lake. From Heather Lake, the closure continues due west until just before it reaches the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT), leaving the PCT out of the closure area. The boundary follows the contour of the PCT north to Top Lake Trail (#1506). The northern boundary of the closure follows the Top Lake Trail east to Fall Mountain and then follows Fall Creek east to the Little Wenatchee River. The boundary follows the southern bank of the Little Wenatchee River south and east to FS6701 road.

Heather Lake Trail (#1526) is closed.

Top Lake Trail (#1506) is closed.

FS Road 6701 is closed.

This closure is effective as of **August 19, 2014** and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 19th day of August, 2014.

/s/ Michael L. Balboni
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Forest Supervisor
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. A lightning caused fire was reported on the Wenatchee River Ranger District on August 4, 2014. Fire Suppression activities and monitoring are occurring. Areas where fires are burning and have occurred may contain a high element of dangerous possibilities such as wildfire, falling rock, dead falling tree's, weakened slope stability, stump holes and other hazards. For public safety this area closure aims to reduce risk to people by prohibiting entrance to these areas.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order provides for public and agency personnel safety.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Staff with LE input	08/19/2014
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	08/19/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	08/19/2014
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	08/19/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District PIO	08/19/2014
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	District FPOs, other District staff, Chelan County Deputies	08/19/2014
Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:		08/19/2014

/s/ Michael L. Balboni

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Forest Supervisor, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF

8-19-14

Date